

Knights of Columbus 16169 December 2020 Newsletter

Worthy Brother Knights,

As 2020 ends and we await the birth of our Savior. I count each one of you my Brothers as a blessing in my life. We had our December meeting with in-person and online brothers in attendance. We welcomed 7 new knights to our council on November 29th after our Corporate Communion. State District Deputy Regional Representative Paul Thorne was in attendance with his wife. Thank you to our exemplification team, Archdiocesan Membership Director Hans Hansen, State Chaplain/Council Chaplain Fr. Paul, District Deputy Brian Zahn. Deputy Grand Knight John Guth, Advocate Joe Bradley, and Membership Director Larry Redman. Please welcome Dan Schlagheck, Stephen Meibers, Paul Bak, Roger Biernat, Vincent Anwunah, Clinton Randall, and Steven Sarlitto. SJN continues to Live Stream the 8:30 Mass every Sunday.

Members of the council and parishioners decorated the outside of the church on November 29th. We are continuing the Fraternal Year strong. We are well on our way to STAR Award with Membership growth (44% of quota). Thank you, brothers please keep recruiting as the Catholic Church is under attack and we are needed now more than ever.

We helped handout coats at St. Anne de Detroit on Saturday December 12 for the Knights Coats for Kids Program. Thank you to the Knights who assisted in making sure kids do not go without a winter coat this winter. Coats for Kids Region 5 distributed about 800 coats. We could have distributed more but we ran out of coats. We have "Casey" the bears for Baptisms and available for the Canton Fire/Police to give out as needed. We purchased 25 turkeys for Thanksgiving Baskets to give to families in need.

Reverse Raffle Planning is in full swing. We will send more information as we finalize. This will be a virtual event.

Family of the Month:

The Kotcher Family:

- Vincent, Jahna, and Christopher. Jahna and Christopher both participate in the parish book club and the Great Adventure Bible Study (Thursday online group). She also teaches sixth grade Catechism classes with Christopher as her work schedule permits. Christopher and Vincent attend the Thursday Men's Prayer Breakfast. Christopher helped with our MI Drive.

Knight of the Month:

Brother Knight Thomas Solak

- Tom is a work horse at our Pancake breakfasts. He keeps us well organized and serves pancakes with a smile. He routinely volunteers at Mental Impairment Drive (aka Tootsie Roll Drive), Membership Drives, Hospitality weekends, car washes, parish picnics, Keep Christ in Christmas poster contest and assisting Brother Knights in need (raking leaves). He is a Lector and member of Men's Prayer Breakfast and a Connect group. He has participated in Alpha and That Man Is You series.
- Congratulations Brother Tom as our Knight of the Month December 2020.

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Upcoming Events:

- December 27 Weekend Masses
 - Consecration to the Holy Family at all masses
- Leaving No Neighbor Behind Brother Calls
 - Beginning January 1, 2020
- January Meeting: January 12, 2021
 - Knights Knosh 6:30 pm
 - Meeting 7:00 pm
- January Officers Meeting: January 22, 2021
 - Meeting 7:00 pm
- Corporate Communion: January 31, 2021
- February Meeting: February 9, 2021
 - Knights Knosh 6:30 pm
 - Meeting 7:00 pm
- Free Throw Contest: Date TBD

Protecting God's Children:

Reminder: All parishioners who plan to volunteer in the parish will need to complete a New Michigan Background Check with a copy of driver's license and volunteer code of conduct (this is a new form required from the AOD) and ensure Protecting God's Children class is completed.

Please be safe and hope to see you at our meetings physically or online.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

God Bless!

VIVAT JESUS

Edward A Hurst Jr, Grand Knight

St. John Neumann Council #16169